

REMARKS

Claims 14-27 are pending in the application.

Appropriate headings have been added to the specification, and claims from the literal translation have been replaced by claims drafted in conformity with U.S. Patent practice.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 13: Cancelled

14. (New) A protection module for protecting objects against threats in the form of hollow loads, comprising:

a material formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam having a density of 5 to 40 ppi (pores per inch).

15. (New) The protection module according to claim 14, wherein the density of the three-dimensional metal grid structure or of the open-pored metal foam is 10 to 20 ppi (pore per inch).

16. (New) The protection module according to claim 14, wherein the three-dimensional metal grid structure has hollow spaces and the open-pored metal foam has pores, and wherein a filler material is introduced into the hollow spaces or pores.

17. (New) The protection module according to claim 16, wherein the filler material is a solid material.

18. (New) The protection module according to claim 17, wherein the filler material is a ceramic material.

19. (New) The protection module according to claim 17, wherein the filler material is a mineral material.

20. (New) The protection material according to claim 16, wherein the filler material is a liquid material.

21. (New) The protection module according to claim 14, wherein the material 1',

(7, 9) formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam is introduced into a housing (2 through 5; 2' through 5')

22. (New) The protection module according to claim 21, wherein the housing has attachment elements for attaching the protection module to an object.

23. (New) The protection module according to claim 14, wherein the material formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam is introduced in at least one layer into a protection module formed as a sandwich plate.

24. (New) The protection module according to claim 21, wherein intermediate air spaces are disposed in the protection module between layers made from the material formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam.

25. (New) The protection module according to claim 21, wherein the material formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam is coated with a coating material on at least one side.

26. (New) The protection module according to claim 25, wherein the coating material is a metal.

27. (New) The protection module according to claim 25, wherein the coating material comprises a different material than the material formed as a three-dimensional metal grid structure or open-pored metal foam.